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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,661,674;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,585,014;
- (3) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 01240223;
- (4) EP Patent No. 0 392 074; and
- (5) EP Patent No. 1 193 016.

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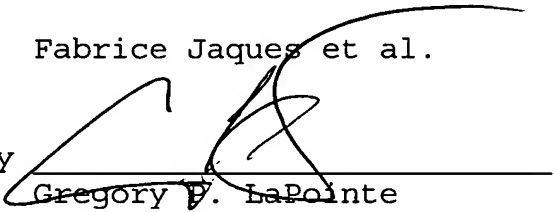
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Respectfully submitted,

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